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SUBJECT: SSRC RAPS BUTHELEZI ON US TRIP

1. RECENTLY QUIESCENT SSRC POKED UP ITS HEAD THIS WEEKEND TO RAP GATSHA BUTHELEZI FOR USING THE JUNE UNREST (REFERRING TO THE SOWETO RIOTS) FOR HIS OWN POLITICAL ENDS DURING HIS RE ENT TRIP TO THE US. THE SSRC STATEMENT NOTED: "HE USED THIS (THE SOWETO UNREST) TO GIVE PROMINENCE TO HIS OVERSEAS TRIP AND THEREFORE TO EXPLOIT THE STUDENTS' SACRIFICES TO GAIN RECOGNITION OUTSIDE".

2. THE SSRC ALSO CRITICIZED BUTHELEZI FOR LINKING HIS NAME WITH FORMER SSRC LEADER TSIETSI MASHININI, SAYING "THE SSRC HAS NO ASSOCIATION WITH THE HOMELANDS AND ITS LEADERS, AND MR MASHININI IS NOT HIS EQUAL REGARDING THE BLACK STRUGGLE.

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COMMENT: THIS STATEMENT BOTH EMPHASIZES THE CONTINUING GAP BETWEEN BUTHELEZI AND THE STUDENTS AND THE STILL CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE THAT MASHININI EXERTS. THE NEW SSRC LEADER (MOTSISI) DID IMPLY IN HIS MESSAGE, HOWEVER, THAT IF BUTHELEZI RENOUNCED HIS HOMELANDS POSITION AND "ALIGNED HIMSELF WITH THE STUDENTS FOR THE SAKE OF THE NATIONAL BLACK STRUGGLE", HE AS HEAD OF THE SSRC) WOULD BE "PREPARED TO WORK WITH

BUTHELEZI." THIS MIGHT INDICATE THAT ANTAGONISM BETWEEN
THE PREVIOUS SSRG LEADERSHIP
I.E. MASHININI ET AL) AND BUTHELEZI IS NOT SHARED TO THE
SAME EXTENT BY THEIR SUCCESSORS, THOUGH ANY REAL PROGRSS IN
TERMS OF RAPPROCHEMENT REMAINS HIGHLY CONJECTURAL.
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